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FOR NEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE, US

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. I AM SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA, BOTH TO RENEW THE EMBASSY'S CONTACTS WITH HIM AFTER HIS LONG PERIOD OF ABSENCE FROM THE COUNTRY AND TO REGISTER PLEA FOR RELEASE OF GALLAGHER AND DYKES, THE ONLY TWO DIPLOMATS KIDNAPPED AND STILL HELD CAPTIVE DURING CIVIL STRIFE HERE.

2. WE SHALL PROBABLY NOT GET ANSWER ON TIMING OF APPOINTMENT UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING BUT MEETING MAY BE SAME DAY. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS ON TOPICS I MIGHT RAISE THEY SHOULD BE SENT TO REACH BEIRUT BY OPENING OF BUSINESS TOMORROW. I SHALL OF COURSE TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION IN RELATION TO UNSC VETO TO THE EXTENT TAQLA RAISES THIS SUBJECT. CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION IS TODAY DEPOSITING TEXT OF AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S REMARKS ON THAT OCCASION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS ADEL ISMAEL. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS THIS IS NOT A SUBJECT ON WHICH WE SHOULD EXPECT TO SCORE POINTS AT THIS JUNCTURE WITH LEBANESE, BUT I SHALL TAKE OCCASION

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TO POINT OUT OUR READINESS PURSUE MIDDLE EAST PEACE

EFFORTS ALONG ANY LINES ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTIES THEMSELVES.

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